

# Water boulevard trees to help them grow faster and remain healthy.

## Water trees weekly.

- Place a hose beneath the branches of the tree and run water at a gentle trickle for about two hours, or
- Slowly pour 20 gallons of water around the tree each week, or
- Request a watering bag for trees four inches or less in diameter and fill it with water once a week (bag requests accepted until Aug. 31 while supplies last).

Water weekly during spring, summer and fall until the ground freezes. Make sure water is absorbed by the soil and does not run off onto the street or sidewalk.

The best time to water is early morning or late evening. Trees refill their water needs at night and there is less loss from evaporation.

**It costs less than \$3 to water a boulevard tree for the growing season.**



# Tips for healthy trees in your yard.

## Keep young trees mulched with woodchips.

Mulch helps preserve root health by holding moisture, reducing weeds and preventing damage from weed whips and lawn mowers.

Place a four-inch layer of mulch around the tree, keeping it a few inches away from the trunk. Young or newly planted trees should have at least a two-foot radius of mulch; older trees should have a six-foot radius.

The Minneapolis Park Board makes free woodchips available at sites throughout Minneapolis. Visit [www.minneapolisparke.org/woodchips](http://www.minneapolisparke.org/woodchips) or call to find a location near you.

## Water your trees weekly.

Just like boulevard trees, all trees in Minneapolis yards thrive when watered weekly.



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For more information on watering and caring for trees:

[www.minneapolisparke.org/elmer](http://www.minneapolisparke.org/elmer)

**Park Board Forestry Department, 612-313-7710**

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